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Professor Blakey Honoured.

Associate Professor O. F. Blakey, of the University of WA has been nominated president-elect of the Australian Institution of Engineers and will be installed at the annual meeting in Melbourne next March. He is the third member of the Perth division of the institution to be appointed to that office since the establishment of the institution in 1919 and has the distinction of being the youngest engineer to hold it; he is also the first engineer admitted as a junior to progress to the presidential chair. He has been a member of the committee of the Perth division since 1928 and has twice been chairman.

Born at Herberton, North Queensland, Professor Blakey was educated at the Brisbane Grammar School and Queensland University. He graduated with first-class honours in civil engineering in 1920 and was



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awarded a Thomas McIlwraith scholarship. He took his ME degree in 1923. After being associated with a reinforced concrete construction company in Queensland he was appointed engineer for the design and construction of the Wyndham

meat works. He later joined the Commonwealth Bank as engineer for the bank's construction programme in Victoria and afterwards practised as an architectural engineering consultant in Victoria.

In 1927 Professor Blakey was appointed lecturer in charge of structural engineering at the University of WA and has several times been dean of the Faculty of Engineering. In 1936-37 he was awarded a grant by the Carnegie Corporation and made a tour of universities and engineering works in England, the Continent and America. On his return he was appointed adviser to the Perth City Council in the drafting of the city by-laws.

Professor Blakey has been associated for many years with the Architects' Board of WA and is a member of the committee of the Land Surveyors' Licensing Board and the Standards Association of Australia.